

8.8km/5½ miles

3hrs

easy

RUTLAND WATER

In the heart of Rutland Water, and surrounded by water on three sides, stands Hambleton village, situated on the Hambleton Peninsula. From the north side of the village a fantastic view across to Burley-on-the-Hill awaits walkers, while from the south side you can see Edith Weston and Normanton Church on the far shore. Much closer to hand is the Old Hall, built in 1611 and now situated by the water's edge. Sitting on top of the hill is the 12th century Church of St Andrew, with its low broach-spire and original Norman doorway. Hambleton Hall, built in 1881, is now an hotel, but it used to be the Victorian home of Mrs Astley-Cooper, a friend of Noel Coward, who wrote 'Hay Fever' whilst a guest there. By Paul and Sandy Biggs.

going uphill as if returning to Hambleton.

3 By the 30mph sign, turn L to join Hambleton Circuit path. Join wide track and go downhill towards water's edge. Follow along track for 800m to enter Armley Wood and cross cattle grid. Follow through wood on a lovely track, then emerge and cross another cattle grid.

4 The track follows a hedge and goes to R. It then ascends and descends before passing by an anglers' car park. The track in due course passes round Barnhill Creek. Go uphill on a winding track to reach a minor road.

5 Cross minor road, rejoin track and follow along by road. Turn L and follow track back to the reservoir edge. Bear R into small wood then emerge into grassy field. Track keeps close to a hedge for a while and you then pass round a small lagoon. After crossing a cattle grid, the track leads into Hambleton Wood. After a pleasant woodland walk, emerge to a grand view of the Old Hall.

6 Climb stile, R, by the Old Hall Cottage and climb uphill on a grassy path to the next stile. Climb over two stiles then continue uphill to the last stile before the road. Join road and walk straight ahead back to Hambleton, passing the church to return to the pub.

2 At the next stile, R, cross diagonally over grassy field to next stile. Make for wood ahead and after climbing stile, a short path brings you to the road. Turn R and head along the road,

DETAILS

Country Walking ID
2621
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Region Heart of England
Area Rutland
Length of walk
8.8km/5½ miles
Time needed 3hrs
Difficulty Easy

IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

Terrain Very easy, mainly along the reservoir edge track. A few ups and downs but nothing serious
Stiles 13

PLANNING

Parking The Finch's Arms, Upper Hambleton, grid ref TF901076. Parking in village is quite plentiful
Start grid ref
SK900076

Nearest town

Oakham
Refreshments The Finch's Arms, Upper Hambleton
Public toilets None
Public transport Oakham to Clipsham service. Tel Traveline for details 0870 608 2608

MAPS

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